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PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has plans to begin production of natural gas from the Kaveri Godavari Basin;

(b) if so, the time by which the production will being alongwith the details of the expected quantity of natural gas produced by ONGC, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government will consider to implement the project of Southern Gas Grid connecting Southern States with KG basin; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIDINSHA PATEL)

(a) In the block KG-DWN-98/2, a total of 8 gas discoveries have been made; out of these, 5 discoveries were made by ONGC and 3 by the previous operator of the block M/s. Cairn Energy. ONGC has recently submitted the appraisal plan for the discoveries in the KG-DWN-98/2.

(b) After declaration of the commercialify, the demarcated area may be developed by the operator. Quantity of gas and date of commencement of production will depend on development plan, if any.

(c) and (d) Gas pipelines are laid according to gas availability to connect production and consumption centres. A network of trunk gas pipelines is being laid connecting customers in the southern part of the country to various sources of natural gas.Currently, GAIL (India) Limited has a pipeline network in Krishna-Godavari basin and Cauvery basin in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu respectively. Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) is constructing Kakinada- Hyderabad-Uran-Ahmedabad pipeline, which would, inter alia, connect parts of Andhra Pradesh and Kamataka to the KG-D6 field. RGTIL has also been granted authorization for Vijaywada-Nellore- Chennai pipeline as also its extensions Chennai-Tuticorin and Chennai-Bangalore-Mangalore pipelines; these pipelines would connect parts of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka to the KG-D6 field. GAIL has been granted authorization for Dabhol-Bangalore pipeline; this would be a bi-directional pipeline transporting Re-gasified LNG from Dabhol LNG terminal to Bangalore and natural gas from RGTIL`s pipeline at Bangalore to Maharashtra. GAIL has also been granted authorization for Kochi-Kanjirakkod-Mangalore/Bangalore pipeline; this would also be a bi- directional pipeline transporting Re-gasified LNG from the upcoming Kochi LNG terminal to Kerala and Karnataka, and natural gas from RGTIL`s pipeline.